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He says that he never expressed such a sentiment. We are glad that he feels free to deny it, for he said enough harsh and bitter things during the war, the Lord knows, without going to the extreme depth that is implied in the quotation that has been so long attributed to him.

There is no Democrat who took the extremely bitter position occupied by Mr. Ross J. Alexander during the war, but is ashamed now of his course and of many things that he said, and would gladly have the people forget them. It would be more manly in him, however, and he would command the respect of more Republicans if he would come out openly and acknowledge that he was on the wrong side during the war, and that he said many things that were foolish and unpatriotic, if not actually treasonable, but that the result of the war and the continued success of the Republican party had tanght him some valuable lessons—that he is heartily ashamed of his past record, and hopes that an indulgent public will forgive and forget.

But it seems to be the policy of Mr. Alexander, and especially of the Democratic papers of the District supporting him, to deny with vehemence the one particular expression about the "unreturning braves," and to raise a terrible hellabello against everybody that darcs quote it. They are not able to see that they are in a position where modesty would be more becoming than denanciation. They have attracted so much attention by the vehement manner of their denials that the public has been compelled to ask—"Why, what sort of a man was this Ross. Alexander, during the war? Was he a good true Union man; and was he in active and hearty sympathy with the Union soldiers, and did he do all that a man who sspires to be a Congressman should have done toward the suppression of the rebellion? What was his position during the dark hours of the war? On which side was he making speeches then? Why do they quote such a saying about him if he was an iright and in sympathy with the Union soldiers, of the mater much attention if it had not been for

seems to regard it as a terrible matter for tany newspaper to publish the quotation surributed to Ross Alexander. After Ross Alexander's nomination the Harrisville Observer copied the "popular quotation," in common with the other newspapers of the district. The Observer is a local, neu-tral paper, but naturally quoted as a mat-ter of political news what everybody was saying. But the Scalind takes the matter up as a most terrible oflense, and in a half column article makes a most woeful arcolumn article makes a most woeful at

column article makes a most weeful attack on the Observer.

We don't want to paint Mr. Alexander in blacker colors than he deserves. He has personally many good traits of character, but politically he is not the kind of a man that Republicans can support, and just now it is Republican votes that he is asking for. He is asking to be sent to Congress from a Republican District by Republican votes, and in order to get these the Democratte press of the district Is terribly, fifthy abusive, of every Republican that desires to bring up Ross Alexander's war record, or to refer to the sentiment that has been attributed to him ever since his speeches during the war. But what was Ross Alexander's position during the war? Let us state it briefly, and plainly, and lairly:

Mr. Alexander was a Vallandingham Democrat, not only in the sense of voling for Vallandingham's ideas of opposition to the war, and of going to the bitterest extremes of opposition to all that was done by the Republican party in support of the Union army, of the abolition of slavery, and of the restoration of the Union itself, If Mr. Alexander's political sentiments had prevailed, the war would have been a failure, and the Union army, would have returned home in shame and sorrow. If Mr. Alexander's political sentiments had prevailed, the war would have been a failure, and the Union army would have returned home in shame and sorrow. If Mr. Alexander's political sentiments had prevailed, the war would have been a failure, and the Union army would have returned home in shame and sorrow. If Mr. Alexander's political sentiments had prevailed, the war would have been a failure, and the Union army would have returned home in shame and sorrow. If Mr. Alexander's political theories had been carried out there would be to-day a divided union, half free and half slave, each side maintaining an immense standing army to maintain peace between the unreconciled sections. This is the kind of a man that is asking now to be sent to Congress from a Republican District by Re

votes! Now if Ross Alexander did not happen Now if Ross Alexander did not happen to get off the particular expression about the "unreturning braves," he did in fact express sentiments on every public occasion wherever he made speeches, or wherever he conversed on the subject of the war, that were calculated to discourage Union soldiers and to give aid and comfort to the enemy. It is mere quibble to deny the utterance of one political sentiment, when he expressed a thousand that practically meant the same thing.

Mr. Alexander is going around over the district bowing and scraping to Republicans, and asking them to vote for him, while the Democratic press is trying to make out to the Republicans that Ress has affected and with 5 cents, between now and will send them the paper until make out to the Republicans that Ross has always been and is now a believer in all

had any Democratic principles. It is be-cases that this kind of work is being done throughout the district that we now call the attention of the Republicans of Harri-son county to it. We know that they, at least, are not to be fooded by this sort of stuff.

rebel at hear—who never had a good word to say for anything that the Republicar party did, from the beginning of the war until the rebellion was crushed out. Here MINERALSO, W. VA., OCTOBER 4, 1882,

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then he should be modest about it, in view of the past.

If the Democratic press of the district carries the matter too far, and persists in calling names, it may become necessary for the Republican papers to hunt up such evidence on the subject as can be had, and show just how the matter first came out. The Bellaire Independent in speaking on the subject, says:

"We have not the slightest doubt that B. J. Alex."

is coming to the fair, at this place mext week. If he comes here he will be treated well, for our people are hospitable ant so-ciable; but it will be just as well for him and his friends, to let those old matters of the war cest, and say nothing about them, for there is to be a soldiers' reunion here with same time and large, the improvements.

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